



13 June 2021

Council congratulates CEO following announcement of Queen's Birthday Honours

Council congratulates CEO Sam Johnson OAM on the announcement of receiving the Medal of the Order of Australia Award as part of the Queen's Birthday 2021 Honours List.

Mr Johnson OAM has been recognised for his outstanding service to Local Government and the community.

On behalf of Council and the community, Mayor Phillip Heaslip congratulated Mr Johnson on this significant achievement.

"Council is absolutely delighted for Sam on receiving the recognition of his service to Local Government and the broader community. Sam has held numerous roles within Local Government including as the former Mayor of the Port Augusta City Council, LGA Board member, Chair of Spencer Gulf Cities, Chair of the Upper Spencer Gulf Common Purpose Group, and now currently as the Chief Executive Officer at the District Council of Mount Remarkable.

Sam has always been over many years a great community-minded person and his commitment as a former volunteer in his younger years, particularly as the former youngest serving Mayor of Port Augusta City Council and currently as the Local Government sector's youngest serving Chief Executive Officer at Mount Remarkable, all make him a worthy recipient of the Medal of the Order of Australia" said Mayor Heaslip.

Mr Johnson will be officially presented with the Award at Government House later in 2021.

"Council looks forward to formally congratulating Sam at the June Council meeting" said Mayor Heaslip.

"I am delighted to accept this award and gratefully acknowledge the enthusiasm, expertise and unwavering support of the people who make up our team at the District Council of Mount Remarkable, those who I have previously worked with as Mayor at the Port Augusta City Council and associated roles across the Local Government sector, and the broader community. It has been a privilege to work with so many people who share my passion for community and the Local Government sector. I share this award with the many people I have met along the way making it "our" award and the recognition not just mine, and this award would not be possible without the support and encouragement of those close to me" said Sam Johnson.

*****END****